

Prediction.....Rain or snow
Maximum yesterday.....35
Minimum today.....22

Maximum.....61
Minimum.....37

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\$100,000 PEACE AWARD IS ANNOUNCED

PEACE PLAN IS AWARDED BOK'S PRIZE

\$50,000 Paid to Unknown Author of Plan 1469—\$50,000 More to Be Paid if Program Is Approved By American People—Plan Endorses League of Nations

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The people of the United States begin voting today on the proposal to have their government adopt the program selected by the American Peace Award as "the best practicable plan by which the United States may co-operate with other nations to achieve and preserve the peace of the world."

The program is the one selected by the jury of award from 22,165 plans submitted from 22 countries in the contest for the \$100,000 offered by Edward W. Bok, for the most practical means for the United States to co-operate with the other nations in the preservation of peace.

The name of the author will not be revealed until the people have finished voting upon it, early in February. He already has received \$50,000, half of the prize and will receive the balance if the program is approved. The plan was numbered 1469.

Mr. Bok's letter regarding the award follows:

To the Public:

With deep satisfaction I present to the consideration and vote of the American people the plan selected by the jury as entitled to the American Peace Award under the conditions.

The award brought forth 22,165 plans. Since many of them were the composite work of organizations, universities, etc., a single plan often represented the views of hundreds or thousands of individuals. There were also received several hundred thousand of letters which, while they did not submit plans, suggested in almost each instance a solution of the peace problem.

The jury had therefore before it an index of the true feeling and judgment of hundreds of thousands of American citizens. The plans came from every group in American life. Some were obviously from life-long students of history and international law. Some were from persons who have studied little, but who have themselves seen and felt the horror of war—or who are even now living out its tragedy.

Should Outlaw War

However unlike they almost all express or imply the same conviction: That this is the time for the nations of the earth to admit frankly that war is a crime and thus withdraw the legal and moral sanction too long permitted to it as a method of settling international disputes. Thousands of plans show a deep aspiration to have the United States take the lead in a common agreement to brand war in very truth an "outlaw."

The plans show a realization that no adequate defense against this situation has thus far been devised; and that no international law has been developed to control it. They point out that security of life and property is dependent upon the abolition of war and the cessation of the manufacture of the munitions of war.

Some of the plans labor with the problem of changing the hearts of men and disposing them toward peace and good will; some labor to find a practicable means of dealing with the economic causes of war; some labor with adjusting racial animosities, with producing a finer conception of nationalism, etc., etc.

Stop Making Munitions

Through the plans as a whole run these dominant currents:

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LOS ANGELES "CONEY ISLAND" BURNS TO GROUND; LOSS NEARLY A MILLION

OCEAN PARK, Cal., Jan. 7.—business district, saved the city from a repetition of its 1913 conflagration, when a large part of its business zone was reduced to ruins.

Police today investigated rumors that the blaze was of incendiary origin, but it was a generally accepted theory that an overheated stove in one of the cafe concessions was responsible.

President Coolidge Declares Embargo Against LaHuerta

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The United States has declared an arms embargo to prevent purchase of war materials in this country by the Mexican revolutionists.

A proclamation putting the embargo into effect was signed late today by President Coolidge.

EX-MEDFORDITES FOUND DEAD IN LONG BEACH, CAL.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Signor Commit Suicide in Small Room By Inhaling Gas—Formerly Conducted Implement House in This City.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 7.—According to word received here today from Long Beach, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. John C. Signor, formerly of Roseburg and Medford, were found dead in bed in a small room. Death was caused by escaping gas from a jet in the room. The letter states that the couple had been dead several days when found. Mr. Signor conducted an implement house here and in Medford until after the war when he was caught in the business disruption and forced into bankruptcy. He entered the insurance business and moved from Roseburg to Long Beach.

The John C. Signor company was located on North Fir street, and was in charge of Thomas I. Temple, as manager. Signor was not well known in this city, making but few business trips here. About a year ago the local establishment was closed, and Temple and family left on a year's auto trip to the east and middle west, and are due back in this city in the spring.

COPCO ASKS RAISE ROSEBURG RATES

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 7.—The California-Oregon Power company announced today that it has applied to the public service commission for an increase in lighting and power rates for the Umpqua division. The new rate schedules, which become effective on February 1, is the same as that now in use in the other divisions of the company, and is an increase of from three-fourths to one per cent over the old rate. Light residential consumers will benefit, but heavy residential consumers will experience an increase in rates.

Commercial lighting rates are to be raised, but the power rate will be decreased.

Oregon Boy Is Honored

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A college bureau has been established here by the republican national committee as the first step in a plan to organize republican college clubs all over the country. John Hamlin of Oregon is in charge of the work.

RECOGNITION SOVIET GOV'T IS OPPOSED

Senator Lodge in Long Address Gives Reasons for Opposing U. S. Recognition of Russia—Claims Evidence of Plot to Overthrow U. S. A. Is Indisputable.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The administration's policy of non-recognition of the present soviet government of Russia was supported vigorously today in the senate by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader and chairman of the foreign relations committee.

Quoting extensively from public records and documents to show the interlocking of the soviet government and the communist internationale. Senator Lodge also brought additional evidence to the support of Secretary Hughes' contention that officials of the soviet government are a party through the communist internationale to revolutionary propaganda in the United States aimed at the overthrow of the American government.

"In my judgment," said Senator Lodge, in summarizing his argument, "it is no time to give the soviet government of Russia the official recognition and approval of the United States and invite official representatives to come among us and under the diplomatic shield seek to break up our own labor organizations, attack American laws and freedom and kindle the flame of riot and disorder throughout our country."

"Obsta principalis," is an ancient and wise rule, never more needed than here at this moment when we are asked to give recognition, not to a people or a country, but to a government—an active and insidious enemy working under our flag against all the beliefs and institutions which Americans hold most precious."

Reading a carefully prepared address of upwards of 30,000 words, Senator Lodge announced that his argument contained no "secret or anonymous reports of any kind," and that he addressed himself solely to the proposition contained in the resolution of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, that the senate declare in favor of the recognition of the present soviet government.

Evidence was presented to show that the same group of men, chief among them Lenin, Trotsky, Zinoviev, Bukharin, Kallinin and Kamenev, control the Russian government and play a predominating role in the congresses and conferences of the communist internationale.

Following in detail the makeup of the four branches of the Russian government, Senator Lodge offered a table to show that the high official of the Russian communist party, the Russian soviet republic, the Russian federation of soviet republics and the internationale practically are one and the same.

Interlocking Directorates

Here was declared to be a system of "interlocking directorates" which would be accented at once by any court or any jury in this country as demonstrated without any further inquiry.

"These interlocking directorates constitute the real government of Russia," he said. "All power is theirs. In the presence of these facts it is to my mind, absurd to say that the Russian soviet republic really governs Russia. That is merely one of the divisions and not the most important."

"It furnishes, however, a convenient opportunity to say that things which are done and controlled by the other and dominant branches of the government are not done by the government of Russia. Everything that has been done by anyone of the three branches of the soviet government—the federation of soviet republics, the Russian soviet republic and the communist party and the greatest of these is the communist party—has been done by the government of Russia. There is no escaping that fact."

"I think I have shown you the men who control all of these organizations and who will control all Russia and who are the real government of Russia. Their names are practically

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High Rents Drive New York's Cliff Dwellers To Shocking Congestion



ABOVE: A TYPICAL "STREET" IN THE TENEMENT DISTRICT.

NEW YORK.—Shocking conditions in tenement houses such as the above, where families of eight and ten crowd into three rooms, and lighting and sanitary conditions are unspeakable, must be corrected, according to Governor Al Smith.

High rents cause this unbelievable congestion, the report of the State Commission on Housing and Regional Planning showed. Tenants must pay from fifty to three hundred per cent higher than they did three years ago, though wages have only slightly increased. Living standards are lowered to a level with the dark ages, and serious menace to city threatens if relief is not given, the commission declared.

MANY TAXES IN OREGON MAY BE DECLARED VOID

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—Whether a large number of counties and other municipalities in Oregon are going to be without valid tax levies for 1924, due to failure to comply with the state budget law under the assumption that the county tax supervising and conservation commission act was valid, is a question that depends on an opinion of the attorney general, now pending, and possibly upon a later opinion of the state supreme court. The commission act was recently declared by the supreme court to be void in so far as it applied to all counties outside of Multnomah.

The budget act requires the tax levying body of each municipality other than counties to publish its budget estimates, call a public meeting, levy the tax and submit it to the county assessor and the county treasurer prior to December 1.

Counties are not required to levy their taxes until the December session of the county court.

In the case of Ticegor vs. Portland the supreme court held that because of the tax supervising and conservation act of 1921, that affected only Multnomah county it was not necessary for the city of Portland to comply with the budget law, since all necessary data was in the hands of the commission. Because of the enactment of a similar commission law for all the counties by the legislature of 1923, which was an amendment of the 1921 act, many counties and other municipalities assumed, in the light of the supreme court's opinion, that they did not have to comply with the budget law and did not do so. Now that the supreme court has held the act of 1923 void because of defective title, many municipal authorities are alarmed lest they be without their tax levies.

Requests for an opinion have reached the attorney general from several sources.

Those municipalities that complied with the budget act regardless of the commission act are safe though their complying with the budget act may have been unnecessary.

Wood Case Dismissed

YREKA, Cal., Jan. 7.—The case of Joseph Chenis of Weed, Cal., who was charged with murder in connection with the shooting of James Brady of Seattle was dismissed here today because of lack of evidence.

ANTI KU KLUX ORGANIZATION IN OREGON FORMED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—With a declared program of opposition to "mob rule, intolerance, racial discrimination and un-American practices of any kind," and to "condemn all activities that bring class, religious, or racial discrimination or prejudice," the National Forth of Minute Men and Women of America filed incorporation articles with the corporation department here today.

The officers named in the articles are William Mart, president; W. H. Mason, secretary, and T. W. White, treasurer.

While all of these officers are residents of Klamath Falls, headquarters are to be maintained in Portland.

Oregon News in Brief

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 7.—Earl Benedict, lineman for the Copco company of this city was badly injured at noon today when a telephone pole which he was climbing fell to the ground, pinning him beneath. He was rushed to a hospital and the extent of his injuries is not known.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—A joint conference between members of the Oregon public service commission and the board of public works of the state of Washington is to be held January 28 in Portland. It was announced here today. The session is to be held with relation to rules and regulations governing the operation of railroad track scales.

Recently in informal hearing on the subject was held at Olympia. Tom K. Campbell, represented the Oregon commission.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—A certificate of convenience and necessity for the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, for the construction of a railroad extending from Crane to Burns today was requested of the Interstate commerce commission at Washington by Governor Pierce. The railroad, it was explained, already is under construction but issuance of the certificate was delayed pending receipt of word from Oregon authorities.

Severe Earthquake Startles Pendleton; No Damage Reported

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 7.—Pendleton was visited by a sharp earthquake about 5:20 yesterday morning, awakening many of its citizens from slumber. Three shocks were reported from Walla Walla while Weston reported a severe tremor occurring at the same time as that in Pendleton. No damage was reported.

RYAN CHARGES FORBES WITH BUREAU GRAFT

John F. Ryan, in Report to Senate Committee, Declares Proof Against Ex-Director of Veteran Bureau Makes His Guilt Certain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charges that Charles R. Forbes, as director of the veterans bureau "was a leading actor in an established conspiracy to defraud the government," are made by John F. O'Ryan of New York, general counsel, in his report to the senate veterans committee.

"In developing this alacrity," General O'Ryan said, "it has been conclusively established by the testimony of witnesses, by documentary evidence, and by the corroborative effects of numerous tell-tale circumstances that were brought out, that fraud and corruption existed in the bureau."

After summarizing evidence as to hospital contracts and other operation of the bureau O'Ryan declared that "further investigation by the department of justice, following leads developed by this investigation should furnish other instances of corrupt transactions negotiated by Forbes and others in the bureau."

One conspiracy to which Forbes was charged by O'Ryan with being a party was "that development, having for its object the award by the director to favored contractors of contracts for the construction of hospitals."

Others named as parties were C. B. Hurley of Tacoma, Wash.; J. W. Thompson, a St. Louis contractor; the late James W. Back of Chicago, and Elias H. Mortimer of Philadelphia, the chief witness against Forbes.

With reference to Forbes' defense at the house hearings that the contracts were handled by the navy and war departments, O'Ryan said Forbes policy was to attain the objects of the conspiracy, but so far as possible to shift responsibility to the war and navy departments, whichever department was charged with the development of the plans.

"This was accomplished," the report continued, "by insisting upon the right to sign the contract, but to refer to the responsibility for what was done as the responsibility of the other department. This effort was apparent in his explanation, while on the stand, the chicane of Forbes, showed his determination to see that the Pontiac company got the contract in accordance with his agreement with the other conspirators and at the same time to have the record appear that he

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STATE DRY POLICY IS CRITICIZED

Oregon Sheriffs, Gathered in Portland, Condemn Methods of State Prohibition Officers—Sheriff Terrill and Coos Bay Sheriff Lead in Condemnation of Meddlesome Tactics.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—The state prohibition department was criticized by sheriffs in attendance here at a three-day "school" for officers in the federal prohibition headquarters at the customs house. Sheriff spoke of "punyfoot" methods of the state prohibition agents and "their general inefficiency and meddlesomeness."

Sheriff C. E. Terrill of Jackson county said:

"The state men have thrown a monkey wrench into everything I have tried to do."

Speaking of efforts to curb the liquor traffic, he said: "The only way to do is to keep pounding away at it, with the co-operation of other authorities, but not the state officers."

Sheriff E. O. Ellingson of Coos county said: "So far as the state officers are concerned, we haven't gotten along very well. They have sent a man into our county for a week or two without letting us know about it. Later we have learned that they have come back and said that we were all rascals. We haven't lost a liquor case in three years."

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 7.—Governor Pierce this afternoon took a hand in the affairs of Tillamook county.

The governor announced he will ask the attorney general to name a special prosecutor to take charge of the Tillamook county grand jury. He will investigate county expenditures. Whether or not George Neuner, who has handled many special cases for the governor, is to be named, is not known. The special prosecutor will temporarily succeed T. H. Goynes, district attorney.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

JAMESTOWN, N. D., Jan. 7.—Having confessed to authorities that he killed two men four months ago because they "killed him," Joseph Berger, farm hand of Richardson, was brought here today to go over the scene of the crime with officers.

ATHENS, Texas, Jan. 7.—Virgil A. Harrison, 15 years old, is in custody charged with wrecking a Texas and New Orleans railway passenger train January 4 at Eastwood, Texas, in which Engineer H. F. Aldis was killed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Three bandits today forced entrance into the Seventh avenue apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Richmond, took jewels valued at \$10,000 and escaped.

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill., Jan. 7.—Federal prohibition agents for the second time within two weeks visited Williams county and with the aid of specially deputized citizens made 56 arrests and seized large quantities of whiskey, home brew and wine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Two unmasked bandits held up Edward Browell, a doorman for the Orpheum theater here, on one of the theater stairways today and escaped with a bag containing approximately \$7000 in coin and currency, which Browell was taking to a bank.

MOVIE ACTRESS IN "REAL" THRILLER MUSHES THRU SNOW TO RESCUE HUSBAND

SPOKANE, Jan. 7.—Word was awaited here today of efforts of Miss Nell Shipman, motion picture actress, to "mush" her way from Coolin, Idaho, through deep snow to her motion picture camp at the head of Priest lake in northern Idaho, and to bring her husband, Bert Van Tuyle, to Coolin by dog team. He is in a serious condition from gangrene resulting from frozen feet, suffered two years ago.

Miss Shipman came down the lake to Coolin last week by launch and continued by stage to Spokane where she made arrangements to bring her husband to a hospital here.

Upon her return to Coolin, which she reached only after a snow plow had opened the way for the stage, she found her launch frozen in.

Accompanied by her nine-year-old son and an employee of the camp, she set out Saturday through the woods for her camp.

Miss Shipman's motion picture zoo, located at the camp, includes a team of "huskies."